

SOME NOTABLE NAME CHANGES.

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Recently checking back generic names I came across a couple of my own errors that I have not seen otherwise corrected so here purpose emendation. It is most unfortunate for the workers at this side of the world that those better situated do not give any assistance, but rather, hindrance. The Indices of the Zoological Record have not been collated for nearly twenty years, and it is very easy to make a slip while consulting over twenty volumes for each name. While doing such work any interruption may dislocate the continuity, and it seems due to such causes that errors are made.

I wish here to introduce two personal names in connection with groups as a matter of urgency. It is still considered an honour to have one's name associated with some member of the group one is interested in, and, due to delay, I have known of one or two tragedies, e.g., a famous ornithologist was almost disgusted to find his name utilised for a parasitical worm. Therefore I now propose

CAYLEYNA

in honour of my friend, Mr. N. W. Cayley, for the beautiful finch known as *Emblema picta*, so named by Gould. There are other "Caleys" in the field, and as far as I have traced the name has not yet been utilised. When Gould introduced (Birds Austr., pt. vii., June, 1842) his generic name, he was unaware that there was any prior use, but it has long been known that Rafinesque had proposed *Amblema*. I noted that Deshayes, in 1840 (Dict. Univ. d'Hist. Nat. (Orbigny), Vol. I., p. 334) proposed *Emblema* as a better spelling than *Amblema*, and this unfortunately invalidates Gould's name.

The second case is the proposal of

MACNEILLENA

in honour of my colleague, Mr. F. A. McNeill, for the crustacean group known by the name of *Trichia* de Haan. Mr. McNeill is publishing an account of this interesting group and, showing me his MSS., I recognised an old molluscan friend in his genus name. Though not yet recognised by carcinologists, the molluscan *Trichia* has undoubted priority over the crustacean introduction, and as there is no substitute I am introducing the above name. The definite chronology of the two generic names reads

Trichia Hartmann, Erd. u. Süswasser Gasterop., p. 41, 1840, a genus of Terrestrial Mollusca.

Trichia de Haan, Fauna Japonica (Siebold), Vol. V., p. 109, 1841, the genus of Crustacea above renamed.

Now to my own two mistakes. In selecting *Obrussa* (Rec. Austr. Mus., xiv., 1925, 269) for a beautiful little shell, I overlooked that Braun (Canadian Entomologist, xlvii., 1925, 196) had appropriated it for a Microlepidopterous genus. I now introduce *Obrussena* as substitute, and would note that though my genus suggests *Kleinella*, comparison of specimens regarded as referable to that genus indicates that the resemblance is superficial. I will deal with this later.

I also introduced *Stipator* as a genus name for *Teinostoma starkeyae* Hedley, and I find that this name is also invalid. I therefore propose *Starkeyna* as a novel name for this group. My *Stipator* appeared in 1924 (Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., vol. xlix., 182), and the prior *Stipator* in 1900 (Rehn, Tr. Amer. Ent. Soc., vol. xxvii., 90) for a genus of LOCUSTIDAE.